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Dr. James H. Johnson, Jr., Chair
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Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your July 29, 2010 letter to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson which provided NACEPT's comments on the draft *FY 2011-2015 EPA Strategic Plan*. We appreciate the Council's comments and perspective which are very helpful to us as we finalize the document.

NACEPT's comments have been shared with other offices across the Agency and as you know, they are posted on regulations.gov, an approach which underscores EPA's commitment to accountability and transparency. NACEPT's review of the draft *Plan* was beneficial to us, particularly your assessment of EPA's strategies to advance the Administrator's priorities and statutory mission outcomes, as well as the overall messaging of this *Plan* to reach a diverse audience. We are considering NACEPT's suggestions, along with input from other Agency stakeholders and partners and the general public, as we prepare the final *FY 2011-2015 EPA Strategic Plan* for release on September 30, 2010.

Again, I would like to thank you and the NACEPT membership for your time and accelerated review on this important effort and your continued dedication to EPA in our efforts to protect human health and the environment. I personally appreciate the Council's participation and feedback, and look forward to working together on future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Bennett".

Barbara Bennett
Chief Financial Officer

cc: Cynthia Jones-Jackson
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